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## LET US HAVE PEACE.

Thursday night witnessed an exciting close of one of the most rousing campaigns that was ever experienced in this town. Annexation to Newark was the issue, and it was defeated. The vote was a large one, and was a fair test of public opinion on that important question. There is no disputing of the assertion that about all that could be said pro and con upon the subject at issue was laid before the voters in the way of pamphlets and speeches.

In the face of all that was said and done, the inference is justifiable that the majority of the people did not want annexation. The reasons that led to the conclusion pronounced at the polls may have varied with individual voters, but they tended to collectively unite a large portion of the community in making common cause against annexation. Many of the people who fought shoulder to shoulder Thursday will be wide apart next Tuesday, when local issues of a different character will demand the exercise of the right to vote.

One lesson has been learned from the recent annexation agitation, and that is that it is one of the most dangerous and disagreeable issues that can be brought before the public. The moral phases of the issue are the features of it that weigh more with many people than the mere matter of a few dollars in taxes and the peace and welfare of the community is sadly disturbed when the people are at odds over moral issues. Many people sincerely believed that it would be unwise from a moral standpoint for Bloomfield to be annexed to Newark. Certain conditions with respect to Sabbath observance and the exercise question were known to exist in Newark and would be extended here if annexation prevailed. In some people's estimation it was difficult to understand how any one known to personally favor and advocate law and order could consistently advocate annexation.

The matter of public school education also centered largely into the campaign, and there appeared to be no doubt among men experienced in educational work that the public school system, as at present conducted, was superior to the facilities that would prevail under the annexation. This phase of the question was another one by which not a few voters were not willing to sacrifice a superior system for what they considered an inferior one, even if money was to be saved by it. Then there was the sentimental question of home rule, which will always prove more or less of a barrier to annexation movements.

Now that the question of annexation has been squarely fought out at the polls, and not likely to be brought up again for some time, the policy now to be pursued is for all citizens to unite in the cause of good and economic local government.

## Obstructionists in the Courts.

Chief Justice Gummere promptly sat down upon the application for a writ of certiorari by certain persons in Bloomfield to tie the hands of the Town Council in the matter of issuing bonds for the purchase of a water supply plant, the action of the Council having been ordered by the people in a special election recently held.

The courts have been used on too many occasions by small, disgruntled minorities or selfish minor interests to block, delay and if possible defeat needed public improvements. At this time, the trunk sewer law, so urgently demanded by the overwhelming majority of the people of the Passaic valley, is hung up in the courts and the commission appointed under the law is made impotent to act.

The courts have, in fact, too readily lent themselves to the purposes of mere obstructionists and against the plainest dictates of public policy. Chief Justice Gummere's action gives promise of a wholesome change in that respect.

Glassware that is not at its best is sadly out of place at a wedding. The best glassware may be found at the Dorringer Glass Stores, 3 & 5 West 19th St., near 5th Avenue, and 36 Murray St., New York.—Advt.

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## East Orange Board of Education.

At a recent meeting of the East Orange Board of Education a resolution was adopted which puts in force something like a tenure of office regulation, or provides for a contentious contract with the principal now in office. The resolution is as follows:

"Any principal, after three years of continuous service, may be appointed to serve at the pleasure of the board by a unanimous vote, and may be dismissed after a fair and impartial hearing by a majority vote."

All of the principals have held office for at least three years. The board will probably formally appoint the principals under the new rule between now and June 1. Another important resolution was passed on the recommendation of the Teachers' Committee, proving that the maximum salary to be paid in departmental rooms in grammar schools shall be \$800 a year, and in all grades below, \$735 a year. Heretofore salaries in the departmental rooms have ranged from \$725 to \$750, and in the lower grades from \$675 to \$700. This resolution was passed in order that the scheme of grading salaries by the merit system, which has been followed out in East Orange, might be better carried out.

Teachers will be advanced at the ratio of \$25 a year, according to ability and merit, not time of service. Superintendent Davey said that he did not think that the change would amount to a large increase in the salary list. The board decided what teachers now serving in the schools should be tendered reappointments, and notice was ordered sent to them. There are very few teachers who will not be offered reappointment, and most of those who will drop out will do so because of approaching marriage.

## Sunday Games Discussed.

The Belleville Wheelmen on Thursday night elected officers and received the annual report of Treasurer J. H. Coeyman, which showed a balance in the treasury. The officers are: President, Milton Webster; Vice-President, Robert Brett; Secretary, H. P. Smith; Treasurer, J. H. Coeyman; Trustees, Louis Hodgkinson, Gustave Meyer, H. H. Morgan and D. J. Kennison.

About twenty members attended the session, which was enlivened toward the close by a declaration of a member to the effect that he favored the playing of such games at the club-house, Sundays as would not cause annoyance to neighbors. All games are now forbidden by a rule of the house committee. There was objection to the proposition from several, and one claimed that opening the house to one game meant allowing all games, since the club could hardly discriminate if it broke the precedent.

Still another member said he favored allowing bowling, too, if billiards, pool and other games were permitted. During the discussion there had been cries of "More we adjourn" and "Out of order." The motion to adjourn was finally put and carried without the Sunday games matter being regularly brought before the meeting. Those who favor the proposition declare they will continue the agitation until the issue is decided once and for all.

## Town Council.

The Town Council held a brief session Monday night. A letter from the H. B. Wiggins' Son Company, proprietors of the large manufacturing plant at Watessing, was read by the clerk. It was an invitation to the members of the Council, the Chief of the Fire Department and the foreman of each fire company to inspect the plant and familiarize themselves with the place, so that in case of fire they would know exactly where to go and what to do. The invitation was accepted.

Chief of Police Collins reported ten arrests last month and \$20 collected in fines.

The annual reports of Clerk Johnson, Collector Foster and Treasurer Osborn were received, as well as that of Chief Engineer Higgins of the Fire Department. The latter shows that during the year there were twenty-two bell alarms and two still alarms. The estimated loss by fire was \$5,770, and the insurance paid thereon was \$5,720. There are fifty men in the department and eleven officers.

## Money in Scrap Heaps.

Many thousands of dollars are saved to the railroad companies each year by detaching men to look after and care for their scrap, the pieces of iron and steel that fall off moving cars, that come from abandoned machinery or from broken pieces of equipment, says the New York Sun.

Almost all of the big transportation companies in the United States maintain what they call scrap departments. At two or three points on the road, generally where there are any construction or extensive repair shops, this scrap is gathered from all parts of the system.

One of the duties of the track walkers and repair gangs is to pick up and throw in little heaps along the track all bits of iron and steel that may be found along the right of way, or that may be left whenever any piece of work is completed. At irregular intervals a scrap train is sent over the road for the purpose of gathering up these odds and ends. They are taken to the gathering point and there carefully sorted.

Some ingenious mechanics have devised machinery to separate and handle these scraps. After being run through a sort of hopper that divides the small and the large from the other different sizes, men are put to work to pick out from the various heaps what may again be utilized. Bolts, nuts, bars, couplings and the like, which may be used again, are laid aside, later to be turned again or worked over for further use. The refuse, amounting to thousands of pounds, is shipped to some iron works that has a contract with the company for using all this waste iron and steel.

This plan of systematically caring for the waste iron of railroads is of recent origin. It is one really of slow growth. Of course, pieces of iron and steel, waste material or the refuse of shops or wrecks have been taken care of for years, but only in a desultory and haphazard way. It has remained for modern management, which is directed eternally to discovering little new economies of operation, to unearth this novel idea of saving money.

## Cheered Up.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE CITIZEN:

SINCE you shut me out of your columns because of my liberal Sunday views—at the behest, I presume, of "A Bloomfield Christian"—I have been sulking in my tent in your neighboring borough. But I am cheered up now, and shall hold up my head once more. Last Saturday night I visited your town and dropped into Central Hall to hear Samuel J. MacDonald say the annexers, which he did with neatness and dispatch, except on one point. When he came to that part of his argument wherein he saw avalanches or vice coming from Newark to overwhelm the Bloomfield Christians, he said that if Bloomfield were annexed to Newark we should have Sunday base-ball in the former place. The hall was crowded, as you know, and every one of those present, I should say, except myself, shouted, "Good! We want it!"

Now it seems to me that you have made a little mistake in gauging public opinion on this question. The hall was filled with voters, the overwhelming majority of whom were in favor of a liberal Sunday, and supposing they carried out that threat—where would you be? Fair play is fair play the world over, and "what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander."

I was greatly cheered by the way the audience sat down upon that part of Samuel J. MacDonald's argument.

Very truly yours,

E. M. MACDONALD.

GLEN RIDGE, N. J., April 4.

## Fair and Square Fight.

The voters of Bloomfield, by their ballots yesterday, after one of the most bitter popular contests ever waged in the old town, decided against annexation to Newark. The vote cast was phenomenally large, exceeding by 650 the total recorded last year at the regular election, and only sixty-eight less than at the Presidential election in 1900. This makes it evident that the will of the people was recorded, and it cannot be claimed that the question was decided in a snap manner and that the stay-at-homes were responsible for the result.—Newark News.

## Road Bids.

Bids for the water bonds were opened by the Town Council Monday and the bonds were awarded to Dick & Robinson, New York. The following are the bids received: Kuntze Bros., \$91,690; Dick & Robinson, \$92,734; J. D. Everitt & Co., \$91,877.40; Farson, Leach & Co., \$91,500; N. C. Halsey & Co., \$91,741.50; N. W. Harris & Co., \$91,690; G. W. Stephens & Co., \$91,899.

## Large Confirmation Class.

Bishop Lines administered the rite of confirmation in Christ Episcopal Church Easter Sunday morning to a class numbering fifty. Some of the class were from Ascension Chapel in Montgomery street. At the conclusion of the confirmation exercises Bishop Lines delivered a sermon.

The Committee on Primaries and Conventions of the Republican Executive Committee has decided to hold primaries on May 2 for the election of delegates to the State Convention, at which delegates to the National Convention will be chosen, and to the Eighth Congressional District Convention, at which two delegates to the National Convention will be selected.

## REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE BLOOMFIELD NATIONAL BANK, at Bloomfield, in the State of New Jersey, at the close of business, March 28, 1904.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$326,409 90
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	43 81
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	80,000 00
Bonds, securities, etc.	164,301 43
Banking-house, furniture & fixtures	39,000 00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	2,943 22
Due from State Banks and Bankers	779 00
Due from approved reserve agents	367,930 74
Checks and other cash items	684 32
Notes of other National Banks	1,820 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	990 16
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ.:	
Specie	\$2,524 10
Legal-tender notes	6,556 00
	\$9,109 10
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)	2,500 00
Total	\$1,016,111 68
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000 00
Surplus fund	10,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	39,500 82
National Bank notes outstanding	47,910 00
Due to other National Banks	4,977 56
Due to State Banks and Bankers	689 10
Due to Trust Companies and Savings Banks	381 75
Individual deposits subject to check	858,946 61
Demand certificates of deposit	207 50
Certified checks	3,927 34
Total	\$1,016,111 68

STATE OF NEW JERSEY, COUNTY OF ESSEX, ss: I, LEWIS K. DODD, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of April, 1904.

WM. L. JOHNSON, Notary Public.

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